पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान राय प्रदूषण बोर्डों ने वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 और जल प्रदूषण निवारण एवं (नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 के तहत प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले उद्योगों के विरुद्ध 859 मामले दर्ज कराए हैं।

(ख) जिन 463 मामलों में न्यायालयों ने अपने निर्णय दिए हैं उनमें से 248 राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्डों के पक्ष में और 215 उनके विरुद्ध गए हैं।

Participation of Non-Governmental Organisations in Pollution Control Activities

2716. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be plaeased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Pollution Control Board has set up a cell for promoting the participation of Non-Governmental Organisations in pollution control activities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. An NGO cell has been set up recently in the Central Pollution Control Board to encourage public participation in the work relating to control of pollution.

(b) The NGO Cell will coordinate the following tasks:

1. Enlist the Environmental NGOs involved in activities related to Pollution Control.

2. Establish NGO network in consultation with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs).

3. Provide training for the NGOs and equip them with facilities like water testing kits, analytical instruments, books and literatures, in order to enhance their capabilities in the field of pollution control; and

4. Organise mass awareness programmes and pollution control activities through NGOs.

The NGO Cell has been set up to act as a bridge between the Governmental Organisations and people for better implementation of the programme of pollution abatement.

Pact between India and Great Britain

2717. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pact has been entered into by India with U.K. on Forestry recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). India and the United Kingdom have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on foresry issues on 13th September, 1993. This MOU recognizes the importance of the non-legally binding Forest Principles and the role of the Commission on Sustainable Development in implementing these Principles. The MOU also recognizes the position taken by several developing countries on forestry issues and reflected in the Delhi Declaration on Forests issued by the First Ministerial Conference of the Forestry Forum for Developing Countries on 3rd September, 1993. India and the UK are presently engaged in implementing the MOU, especially the clauses related to the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of forestry issues in 1995, and the possibilities of increased bilateral cooperation.